## Exhibit A

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SHERMAN DIVISION

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§	Case No. 4:14cv150
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## [PROPOSED] SCHEDULING ORDER

After reviewing the report from the parties required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f) and after consulting with the parties by mail or a scheduling conference, the court hereby enters the following Scheduling Order pursuant to this court's Local Rule CV-16 and Fed. R. Civ. P. 16:

- (1) Initial disclosures shall be made by **August 29, 2014.**
- (2) Other parties shall be joined pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 19 and 20 by **February 16, 2015**. (A motion for leave to add parties is not necessary provided parties are added by this date, otherwise leave of court is required.)
- (3) Amended pleadings shall be filed by **April 3, 2015**. (A motion for leave to amend is not necessary provided that amended pleadings are filed by this date, otherwise leave of court is required.)
- (4) All motions to transfer, motions to remand, motions to dismiss, motions for summary judgment, or other dispositive motions, shall be filed by **June 25, 2015**. Unless leave of court is first obtained, a party may file no more than one motion for summary judgment.
- (5) Disclosure of expert testimony pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2) and Local Rule CV-26(b) shall be made by the party with the burden of proof by May 15, 2015. Responsive expert reports must be disclosed by June 5, 2015. The deadline to complete expert discovery shall be June 22, 2015. Thereafter, each party shall have until June 25, 2015, to object to any other party's expert witnesses. Such objections shall be made by a motion to strike or limit expert testimony and shall be accompanied by a copy of the expert's report in order to provide the court with all of the information necessary to make a ruling on any objection.
- (6) Pretrial disclosure pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3) shall be made by the plaintiff by **August 7, 2015**, and by the defendant by **August 7, 2015**.
- (7) All fact discovery shall be commenced in time to be completed by **May 1, 2015**. In the event a discovery dispute arises, the court encourages the parties to use the

- Discovery Hotline before filing a discovery motion to immediately obtain a ruling on discovery disputes. See LOCAL RULE CV-26(e).
- (8) This case shall be mediated by **May 8, 2015**. If the parties agree on a mediator, they shall so notify the court of the name, address, and telephone number of the attorney-mediator by **April 3, 2015**. Otherwise, the court will select a mediator.
- (9) Two copies of the Joint Final Pretrial Order prepared in accordance with Local Rule CV-16(b) and Joint Proposed Jury Instructions and Verdict Form (or proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in nonjury cases) shall be delivered by the plaintiff to the court by **August 28, 2015**. In order to enable the plaintiff to prepare and deliver the Joint Final Pretrial Order and Joint Proposed Jury Instructions and Verdict Form (or proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in nonjury cases) to the court, and to enable the defendants and any third parties to participate in the preparation of such documents, the plaintiff shall provide the plaintiff's share of the necessary information to all other parties by **August 14, 2015**. Thereafter, all defendants and third parties shall provide their share of the information to plaintiff by **August 21, 2015**.
- (10) Any motions *in limine* shall be filed by **August 7, 2015**. Responses to motions *in limine* shall be filed within the time provided by Local Rule CV-7.
- (11) This case is set for a Final Pretrial Conference and Trial Scheduling on **September 8, 2015**.